



Transformational Bursaries: Frequently Asked Questions

Caterham School was founded on the belief that all children should be able to reach their potential through education no matter what their background. Since its founding in 1811, Caterham School has remained committed to opening our doors to talented young people, regardless of their family's means.

Throughout the generations, the school has continued to offer funded places to children with the support of charitable donations or government schemes. Offering these places is an important part of who we are as a school and as a community. We are proud that our alumni include sons of United Reform Church Ministers from England and Wales, Old Caterhamians who came to Caterham on a Direct Grant or another assisted place scheme, and the many men and women who have received bursaries since Caterham School merged with Eothen School and became co-ed in 1995.

What is a transformational bursary?

Transformational Bursaries are fully funded senior school places that are awarded to children who would not be able to consider attending the Caterham. We work with local primary schools and the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation to identify and offer places to young people facing challenging circumstances, who are from low-income households and who qualify for free school meals. We prioritise places for children who:

- are on the edge of, or in the care system
- have a lack of mentors or role models within their home environment
- are living in overcrowded housing
- and are from families where there is intergenerational unemployment

The Transformational Bursaries Appeal was established in 2019 and is already transforming young people's futures. We believe all children should be able to reach their potential, no matter what their background.

How will I know my gift is going to support a transformational bursary places?

Donations to the Caterham School Transformational Bursaries Appeal will be paid into a restricted Caterham School fund which is ring fenced for transformational bursary places. All donors will receive an annual report on how their donation has been spent.

I would like to make a donation to the Transformational Bursaries Appeal – how can I do that?

Thank you for your support. If you would like to make a gift please complete the Transformational Bursary Appeal donation form which can be found at www.caterhamschool.co.uk/supportus or contact Emma Collings, Director of Development, on 01883 335111 or email development@caterhamschool.co.uk

We welcome single gifts by bank transfer and cheque, as well as regular gifts by Direct Debit. We also welcome gifts of shares and property. If your employer offers matched giving this can be arranged too.

Can Caterham School claim Gift Aid on donations?

Yes. If you are a UK tax payer we can make your donation go further by claiming Gift Aid on your donation. Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back basic rate tax already paid on donations by UK tax payers. Caterham School is a registered charity, number 1109508, which means the school can claim an additional 25p on every £1 donated. Higher rate tax payers can also claim tax relief on donations they make to UK charities.

I am resident in the USA, Hong Kong or China, can I make a donation in a tax efficient way?

If you are a resident and pay tax in the USA, you can make a donation via British Schools and University Foundation. Caterham School is registered with the BSUF, a US-based education foundation with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. This means Old Caterhamians and friends of Caterham School living in the United States are able to benefit from the same tax deductions on their charitable gifts as they would if they gave to a United States based school or charity. You can find our more information [here](#).

I am resident in Hong Kong or China, can I make a donation in a tax efficient way?

If you are resident and pay tax in Hong Kong or China and would like to make a donation, please get in touch with Emma Collings, Director of Development, to discuss how you can make your gift.

I am interested in leaving a gift in my will to Caterham School, how can I arrange that?

A gift in your will can be a simple and tax-effective way of making a significant gift to the School. Any gift to a registered charity made in your will, whether in the form of cash, shares, property or other items, is exempt from inheritance tax. Caterham School is a registered charity No. 1109508.

We appreciate that making a will is a highly personal matter, but should you decide to leave a gift to the school, we would love to know – this will give us the opportunity to thank you and show you how your gift will make a difference. For information about how to leave a bequest to Caterham School please visit <https://www.caterhamschool.co.uk/support-us/legacy/>. You can also contact Emma Collings, Director of Development, on 01883 335111 or email development@caterhamschool.co.uk

How will my gift to the Transformational Bursaries Appeal be recognised and will I be kept updated about the appeal?

Appeal supporters will receive an annual report and will receive regular updates.

All donors to the Transformational Bursaries Appeal will be recognized as supporters to the appeal, unless otherwise requested.

I would like to make a donation to support another area of the school's work, can I do that?

Yes you can. If you would like to make a donation in support of another area that interests you, please get in touch with Emma Collings, Director of Development, on 01883 335111 or email development@caterhamschool.co.uk